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FOR AID ADMINISTRATOR PARKER FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CROWN PRINCE --FIVE YEAR PLAN

REF: (A) AMMAN 0379, (B) STATE 025264

1. CROWN PRINCE HASSAN RETURNED TO AMMAN FEBRUARY 22 AND I SAW HIM MORNING FEBRUARY 24 TO TELL HIM OF YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE IN AMMAN FROM MAY 31 - JUNE 1. CROWN PRINCE TELLS ME MCNAMARA IS PLANNING TO ATTEND, AS WELL AS EGON BAHR FROM GERMANY, POSSIBLY REG PRENTISS FROM UK AND FRENCH MINISTER OF INDUSTRY ORLANDO (?) AS WELL AS SOMEONE FROM IRAN AND KUWAIT AND POSSIBLY OTHER OIL AREAS. HE IS ALSO PLANNING TO VISIT KUWIAT, IRAN AND POSSIBLY ABU DHABI BEFORE THE MEETING.

2. HIS INTENTION IS NOT TO HAVE A PLEDGING SESSION BUT TO SPEND A GOOD BIT OF THE TIME PROVIDING FOLLOW ON INFORMATION TO DONORS WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE SOCIAL ASPECTS OF THE PLAN. HE WANTS TO LEAVE IN DONORS MINDS THAT THIS IS A WELL CONCEIVED PLANN THAT HAS PAID ATTENTION TO THE AREAS OF SOCIAL IMPACT.

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IN THAT CONNECTION, HE AND I BOTH WONDER WHETHER IT

MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO BRING WITH YOU ONE OR TWO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPMENT. SINCE THERE WILL BE A US CONGRESSIONAL SHORT RECESS, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO LURE THEM OUT OF TOWN. ONE FROM THE SENATE AND ONE FROM THE HOUSE WOULD BE IDEAL. OBVIOUSLY WE BOTH REALIZE THERE WILL BE COMPETING ELECTION INTEREST AT THAT TIME. HOWEVER CONGRESS HAS OFTEN WANTED TO BE IN ON SOME OF THE GROUND FLOOR ACTIVITIES OF THIS SORT AND I THINK THIS IS A GOOD OCCASION ON WHICH TO CONSIDER SUCH A POSSIBILITY. EVEN THE INVITATION TO SOME TO COME WOULD BE USEFUL ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT HAVE TO REFUSE.

3. HASSAN AND I BOTH THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE ANOTHER SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMISSION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP. IT WOULD FOLLOW THE CONFERENCE AND WOULD BE A LOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF HIS DESIRE AT THAT TIME TO HAVE BILATERAL CONFERENCES WITH LEADING ATTENDEES. HE TOLD ME ALSO THAT FOR THE BASIC CONFERENCE HE WILL BE PLANNING SOME RESTRICTED SESSIONS FOR SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING.

4. I DID NOT REVIVE WITH HIM AGAIN THE QUESTION OF THE TRADE AND INVESTMENT GROUP. PREFER TO LET THAT EVOLVE FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE AND YOUR REVIVAL OF THE SUGGESTIONS THAT WE SHOULD FIRST MEET (PREFERABLY IN WASHINGTON) TO RESOLVE JOINTLY IN OUR OWN MINDS WHAT IT IS WE WANT THAT GROUP TO DO. IN THIS CONNECTION, I BELIEVE THEY OWE US A REPLY AND WE WILL AWAIT WITH INTEREST WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY.
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